



Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you had a lovely half term break and welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term. This is always a particularly exciting half term! We are looking forward to our second book sharing and parent meetings, a Y2 sleepover and Reception night-time experience, Y4 will be heading to Time and Tide and Y5 and 6 have cross-country events. We will also be improving the Woodland View fencing between the playground and car park. In the last two weeks of term, our festivities will begin with Christmas dinner and plays among the highlights. We may even fit in some English and Maths!

Ms Jordan

Thank you!

Thank you to all those families who donated food items to the Spixworth Community Hub Food Bank/Community Larder as part of our Harvest celebrations. The Larder is open Monday – Friday, 7-10am and 12-5.30pm

Thank you to the Friends and their helpers for organising a brilliant disco last half term for the children. Thank you also to those staff members who supported this event. Your combined efforts made for some very happy children!

Open Tours



This year we are pleased to be offering individual and small group tours of our schools for families with children due to start Reception or Year 3 in September 2023.

If you or someone you know has a child due to start infant or junior school next September, please get in touch and one of our Heads of Schools will be pleased to welcome you.

Dates available: Week beginning 7th and 14th November. A range of times are offered either during or after school.

Please telephone the office to book.

Year 6 Residential

Our Year 6 children had a very successful stay at Kingswood. I hope the children are as proud of themselves as the staff were. Their conduct, commitment and companionship were second to none. Thank you of course to all families who supported this opportunity and the staff for making it possible.



A Spotlight on Anti-Bullying Week

Anti-Bullying Week, starting with Odd Socks Day 2022 will take place from Monday 14th – Friday 18th November with the theme Reach Out.

Bullying affects millions of lives and can leave us feeling hopeless. But it doesn't have to be this way. If we challenge it, we can change it. And it starts by reaching out.

Whether it's in school, at home, in the community or online, let's reach out and show each other the support we need. Reach out to someone you trust if you need to talk. Reach out to someone you know is being bullied. Reach out and consider a new approach.

To find out more go to: [Anti-Bullying Week 2022: Reach Out \(anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk\)](https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk)



MIND – A Partner School

I am thrilled to share that The Federation of Spixworth Schools has become a partner school with MIND. Over the coming months we will be benefitting from a range of specialised support and guidance for our children, staff and families too. Our School Council will also be supporting MIND with their research. There will be more information to follow, but to find out more about MIND go to: [Home - Mind](#)

Safeguarding



We are pleased to still be providing you with our monthly Online Safety newsletters. If there is something you would like to see included in these, please let the office know and a request will be made.

Last half term, we spoke to a sample of children about safeguarding to help us plan our next steps. On e-safety, all children knew at least one strategy for keeping themselves safe online. Our new E-Safety Champions will be leading their first peer learning session this half term.

General Reminders



- Please park considerately to our neighbours and safely for our whole community.
- All children should have their own, named, water bottle in school everyday
- Please name all your child's items.
- Please let us know if your details or circumstances have changed over the holiday.
- Our schools are nut-free zones. Please do not include any items containing nuts in packed lunches. Special diets can be catered for by the kitchen.

Attendance

In line with new national guidance, one of the aims of our Attendance Policy is to ensure we work together to achieve the best attendance possible for our children. We will keep you updated on the attendance data we hold for your child and offer support, if needed. To view our policy go to:

[Federation Policies – The Federation of Spixworth Schools](#)



Phonics/Reading workshops?

On Thursday 10th we will be hosting two phonics and reading workshops at 9am and 2.30pm at the Infant School. The information is most relevant to Years Reception to Year 2, but all are welcome! The workshops will include access to resources used in school and time for questions and answers. Please come along if you can. The presentation slides will be available on our website after the event.



Key Dates for this Half Term

Please note a full list of key dates for the year was sent in July and is available on our website.

Friends Meeting: 3rd Nov
 Y3&4 Time and Tide visit: 3rd Nov
 Junior School Photos: 4th Nov
 Phonics and Reading Workshops: 10th Nov 9am and 2.30pm
 Anti-bullying Odd Socks day: 14th Nov
 Great Big Sleepover – Year 2: 17th Nov
 Children in Need: 18th Nov
 Y5&6 Cross-country: 18th Nov
 Lego Team building days: 22nd&23rd Nov
 YR Dark experience: 24th Nov
 Christmas Dinner: 7th Dec
 Christmas performances: 12th Dec (Y3&4); 13th Dec (Y5&6); 14th Dec (YR); 15th Dec (Y1&2)
 Last day of term: 16th Dec. School reopens: 4th Jan

